

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action of February 22, 2006. The period of response has been extended by one (1) month by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time. In that Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-7, 9 and 10. The Examiner also objected to claims 4, 8, 13 and 14. Claims 1, 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5, 674,230 to Tovey et al. Claims 2, 3, 7, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tovey et al. '230 in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,842,840 to Schweizer. Claims 4, 8, 13 and 14 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 11 and 12 were allowed.

Please cancel without prejudice claims 2, 3, 4 and 8. In the present amendment, the limitation of claims 2, 3 and 4 have been inserted into claim 1. The limitations of claim 8 have been inserted into claim 7. Claim 13 has been amended to depend from claim 1, and claim 14 has been amended to depend from claim 7.

The rejection of claims 1, 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5, 674,230 to Tovey et al is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Applicants' amendments to the claims in accordance with the Examiner's requirements have made this rejection moot.

Accordingly, on the basis of the foregoing discussion, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection.

The rejection of claims 2, 3, 7, 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tovey et al. '230 in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,842,840 to Schweizer is respectfully traversed.

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Therefore, on the basis of the foregoing discussion, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw her rejections, make the amendments to the claims of record, and allow the claims of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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